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California Gulch Mining District Record Book #4

Laws of California District

At a meeting of the miners at the house of John Leahy on Rio City Jan 5th 186
W. H. Todd was chosen Chairman and
H. D. Nelson Secty. On Motion a Committee
of five viz. H. D. Nelson & A Floyd & D Brown
J. M. Tisdale and John Leahy was appointed to draft laws for the District and to define the boundaries of the same
On Motion adjourned to meet on
Saturday Jan 19th —

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Adjourned to meet on the 22d of Jan at 1 Oclock

Jan 22 Met according to adjournment
The Committee not being ready to report the following laws were adopted

Article 1st

This District shall be known as the California District and shall be Bounded as follows, to Wit: On the North by the divide between Evans Gulch and Birdseye Gulch On the East by the top of the Range East of the Arkansas River On the South by the divide between Dora gulch and Empire Gulch, and on the West by the Arkansas River —

Article 2d

All gulch claims hereafter presempted in this District (except in that portion of the District heretofore known as the Arkansas Independent District) shall be (500) feet in length up and down the Gulch and from bank to bank

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Provided the gulch claims shall hold the gulch Streak. and no side claims shall be known or recognized in this district = Hill claims shall be 600 feet Square but shall not interfere with gulch claims Patch claims shall be as at present where Patch claims are Recognized

Article 3d

all Lode claims shall be taken according to the Congressional mining law. and whenever or wherever the length of Lode claims shall be changed by Congress. the laws of this District shall be deemed to have changed in accordance therewith.

Each discoverer of a Lode shall put at the discovery a Stake 4 inches square and four feet high. planed and marked with the name of the Lode name of discoverer and date of discovery. provided all Lode claims shall be recorded within 3 days from the date of staking

Article 4th

all claims shall be recorded unless represented by actual and continuous Labor on such claims. and all transfers shall be filed for record within ten days but the title shall be deemed to be in the Seller until the transfer is filed=

Article 5th

Any person may prompt and hold one gulch claim and one Hill Claim over a gulch or discovery. And no Lumber be made to the measure

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Held by purchase. And all claims shall hold good from the 1st day of Nov in each year until the first day of July following and then the same shall be Represented by labor unless the owner thereof shall be a resident of the distrien or be actually engaged in Gulch mining, in the County, Provided that any persons having disposed of their preemption claims or claims shall have the right to make a new pre-emption

Article 6

All miners shall toil into the side ditch. Provided whenever it is impossible for the miner ~~to~~ above to put the water into the side ditch so that the miner working below him can get the water on top. then the water shall be Equally divided. but this Art shall not apply to Contract and Dist=

Article 7

There shall be a recorder elected by the miners of the District. On the first Monday of Oct in each year. Who shall hold his office for one year and until his Successor is elected. provided the Recorder elected at this time shall hold until his successor is Elected

Whose duty it shall be to keep a fair record of all proceedings of all miners meetings in the district when the same shall be Regularly called. and record all Claims and all transfers and all other papers that may be presented to him for record on the payment

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or tender of Legal fees for the same. The fees of Recorder shall be the same as are allowed for similar services to the County Clerks of Colorado by the Laws of the Territory. It shall be the duty of the Recorder to call a Meeting of the Miners of the District on the Petition of Seven Miners of the District by giving 7 days Notice of the same

The Recorder shall have power to appoint a deputy

Article 8

All paten claims below Galen Claim (A.D. 58) in Sacramento District are declared Vacant.

Article 9

All claims not held in conformity with these laws shall be forfeited and subject to pre-emption

Article 10

These laws can be amended or repealed at any Meeting of the Miners of the District called in accordance with Law. Provided the vested rights of all parties shall be respected